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1. IN THE COURSE OF HIS CONSULTATIONS IN MOSCOW IN NOVEMBER (REFTEL), DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLICAL AFFAIRS VIBE MET FOR TWO HOURS WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ZEMSKOV FOR A REVIEW OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS. A MORE SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION OF EUROPEAN QUESTIONS TOOK PLACE LATER IN OSLO, HOWEVER, WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LEBEDEV, WHO HAD BEEN INTRODUCED TO VIBE DURING HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW.

2. THE DISCUSSION OF CSCE WITH ZEMSKOV FOCUSED PARTICULARLY ON BASKET THREE, WITH ZEMSKOV USING FAMILIAR ARGUMENTS ABOUT
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OF VIOLENCE TO JUSTIFY THE SOVIET POSITION. ON MBFR, ZEMSKOV EXPLAINED THAT THE USSR UNDERSTOOD THAT THE WEST MEANT ASYMMETRICAL REDUCTIONS WHEN IT REFERRED TO "BALANCE," BASING ITSELF ON THE DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC POSITION OF THE U.S. AND USSR VIS-A-VIS EUROPE. ZEMSKOV ARGUED, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER GEOGRAPHIC FACTORS MUST ALSO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, LIKE THE U.S. BASES WHICH EXIST AROUND THE WHOLE PERIPHERY OF THE USSR. IN ESSENCE, THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN ZEMSKOV'S PRESENTATION ON EUROPEAN QUESTIONS.

3. LEBEDEV FIRST JOINED VIBE AND HIS WIFE AT THE BOLSHOI THEATER IN MOSCOW AND LATER VISITED AMBASSADOR ROMANOVSKIY IN OSLO. DURING A CALL ON VIBE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN OSLO, LEBEDEV PROBED PERSISTENTLY TO LEARN WHAT VIBE THOUGHT WAS THE NORWEGIAN AND GENERAL EUROPEAN ATTITUDE TOWARD SUPER-POWER COOPERATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, LEBEDEV REFERRED TO VARIOUS STATEMENTS BY THE EUROPEAN STATESMEN, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE REMARKS OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT. (AT A NOVEMBER 19 DINNER FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS GIVEN BY ROMANOVSKIY, OUR AMBASSADOR WAS PLACED NEXT TO LEBEDEV, WHO PERSISTENTLY KEPT TRYING TO DISCUSS U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE FOR DETENTE.)

4. FROM HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH LEBEDEV (WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS ANOTHER "VICTOR LOUIS TYPE"), VIBE RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE USSR HAS BECOME CONCERNED OVER THE IMPLICATIONS FOR ITS EUROPEAN POLICY OF ITS CLOSE TIES WITH THE U.S. HE THOUGHT THAT THE USSR WAS UNEASY OVER THE EVIDENCE THAT FRANCE IS INFURIATED BY THE "HUMILIATION" WHICH THE GREAT POWERS IMPOSED ON EUROPE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AND FEARS THAT THIS REACTION MAY HARM ITS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FRANCE. MOSCOW IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED, IN VIBE'S JUDGMENT, BY INDICATIONS THAT WEST EUROPEAN RESENTMENT AND ANXIETY OVER THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE U.S.-SOVIET DIALOGUE MAY ACT TO ACCELERATE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, EXTENDING TO THE AREA OF DEFENSE. VIBE SPECULATED THAT THE APPARENT IMPORTANCE PLACED BY MOSCOW IN THE MBFR TALKS ON ENSURING THAT REDUCTION PROPOSALS ENCOMPASS WEST GERMAN FORCES COULD BE ONE REFLECTION OF THIS CONCERN TO SEE THAT A WEST EUROPEAN DEFENSE FORCE DOES NOT DEVELOP.

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